



## Inspection Report

TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY  
LAB ANIMAL RESOURCES & RESEARCH  
OFFICE OF RESEARCH COMPLIANCE  
1186 TAMU

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Certificate: **74-R-0012**  
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COLLEGE STATION, TX 77843

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION  
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**2.33 (a)**  
**ATTENDING VETERINARIAN AND ADEQUATE VETERINARY CARE.**

Sec. 2.33 Attending veterinarian and adequate veterinary care.

(a) Each research facility shall have an attending veterinarian who shall provide adequate veterinary care to its animals.

It was noted that several bottles of expired drugs and one container of expired saline solution stowed in the pharmacy of one research facility. The use of expired medical materials such as drugs, fluids, or sutures on regulated animals is not considered to be acceptable veterinary practice and does not constitute adequate veterinary care as required by the regulations promulgated under the Animal Welfare Act. All expired medical materials found in a licensed or registered facility are to be brought to the attention of the responsible official. The facility must either dispose of all such materials or segregate them in an appropriately labeled, physically separate location from non-expired medical materials. The Animal & Plant Health Inspection

Service (APHIS) has no jurisdiction over facilities using expired medical materials for non-regulated animals or non-regulated activities. ALL EXPIRED DRUGS AND THE CONTAINER OF EXPIRED SALINE SOLUTION WERE DISCARDED IMMEDIATELY.

**2.33 (b)**  
**ATTENDING VETERINARIAN AND ADEQUATE VETERINARY CARE.**

(b) Each research facility shall establish and maintain programs of adequate veterinary care that include:  
(3) Daily observation of all animals to assess their health and well-being; Provided, however, That daily observation of animals may be accomplished by someone other than the attending veterinarian; and Provided, further, That a mechanism of direct and frequent communication is required so that timely and accurate information on problems of animal health, behavior, and well-being is conveyed to the attending veterinarian.

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It was noted that some of the swine housed at several different sites are raised on concrete floors throughout the year. At one facility it was noted that two pigs on the concrete floor had overhead heating lamps to provide warmth. However, both animals were still shivering after a source of heat was provided. It was pointed out and explained to management that the animals needed hay or floor mats to sleep on to prevent stress of maintaining their body heat and for the well-being of the animals.

TO BE CORRECTED BY: 02/13/09.

### 3.125 (a)

#### FACILITIES, GENERAL.

Sec. 3.125 Facilities, general.

(a).Structural strength. The facility must be constructed of such material and of such strength as appropriate for the animals involved. The indoor and outdoor housing facilities shall be structurally sound and shall be maintained in good repair to protect the animals from injury and to contain the animals.

It was noted that the entrance door to the building housing five pigs needed repairing due to damages affecting the structural strength of the door. The gates of several pens within the building contained corrosion and flaking paint. The wall of several facilities have flaking paint. Other facilities housing animals had damaged tin, metal fencing with pointed wire and untied fencing. The door needs to be repaired or replaced. The gates need to be repaired and painted to prevent corrosion. The wall needs to be painted or sealed to facilitate proper sanitation. The damaged tin needs to be replaced, remove the pointed wire and secure the fencing to prevent injury to the animals.

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### 3.2 (d)

#### INDOOR HOUSING FACILITIES.

(d) Interior surfaces. The floors and walls of indoor housing facilities, and any other surfaces in contact with the animals, must be impervious to moisture. The ceilings of indoor housing facilities must be impervious to moisture or be replaceable (e.g., a suspended ceiling with replaceable panels).

It was noted during the routine inspection, that approximately 18 primary enclosures for housing dogs had walls that were pervious to moisture. The interior surfaces were pointed out to management for correction. It was explained to management that all surfaces that comes in contact with the animals must be impervious to moisture. The walls need to be sealed.

TO BE CORRECTED BY: 10/23/08.

The last routine inspection and exit review were conducted on 08/27/07. This routine inspection and exit review were conducted with management and USDA VMO, Earnest Johnson.

### 3.131 (c)

#### SANITATION.

(c) Housekeeping. Premises (buildings and grounds) shall be kept clean and in good repair.

The support area housing dogs had an excess of cobwebs overhead on the ceiling in five buildings. The cobwebs need to be remove to facilitate good husbandry practice.

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**3.129** (b)  
**FEEDING.**

(b) Food, and food receptacles, if used, shall be sufficient in quantity and located so as to be accessible to all animals in the enclosure and shall be placed so as to minimize contamination. Food receptacles shall be kept clean and sanitary at all times. If self-feeders are used, adequate measures shall be taken to prevent molding, contamination, and deterioration or caking of food.

During the routine inspection, it was noted that the food receptacles for six sheep were contaminated with feces. This noncompliant item was pointed out to management and explained that the food supply for all the animals shall be free from contamination for the well-being of the animals.

TO BE CORRECTED BY: 09/10/07.

The last routine inspection and exit review were conducted on 06/01/06. This routine inspection and exit review were conducted with management and USDA VMO, Earnest Johnson.

**3.129** (a)  
**FEEDING.**

(a) The food shall be wholesome, palatable, and free from contamination and of sufficient quantity and nutritive value to maintain all animals in good health. The diet shall be prepared with consideration for the age, species, condition, size, and type of the animal. Animals shall be fed at least once a day except as dictated by hibernation, veterinary treatment, normal fasts, or other professionally accepted practices.

One open 50 pound bag of feed for sheep was noted to be stowed on the floor in the barn. This noncompliance was pointed out to management. It was explained that open bag of feed needs to be stowed in waterproof container with tight fitting lids to prevent contamination.

CORRECTED IMMEDIATELY.

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